

# *Emeritus*

Newsletter for OHSU Emeritus Faculty

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## SAVE THE DATE

### **Emeritus Faculty Luncheon**

*OHSU will host the annual Emeritus Faculty Luncheon  
on  
Wednesday, October 28, 2015  
located within the BICC Gallery.*

*11:00am - 12:00pm - Social Hour  
12:00pm-1:30pm - Lunch Service*

*Official invitation and RSVP card will be mailed at a later date.*



## What are YOU doing now?

Thanks to always energetic **Donna Jensen, Ph.D., M.S., R.N., CNAA**, Professor Emerita, School of Nursing, who has provided much of the following information on activities of “retired” OHSU Emeritus faculty members.

It was **A. Sonia Buist, M.D., Ph.D.**, Professor Emerita, who suggested this column, and it would be a major oversight not to include a summary of her many activities since leaving OHSU on a full-time basis. She is perhaps busier as an emeritus faculty member than “regular” faculty at OHSU. She not only is the founder and director of the American Thoracic Society’s MECOR (Methods in Epidemiologic, Clinical and Operation Research), she also is close to home writing hiking guides, “Around and About Mount Hood: Access Exploring the Timberline Trail. Her website is [www.mthoodhiking.com](http://www.mthoodhiking.com) for more information about the informative pocket-sized guides. MECOR is a capacity building program that teaches pulmonary physicians in low and middle income countries how to do basic clinical and epidemiologic research so that they have the skills to measure the burden of lung disease in their setting or country and determine the best cost-effective management strategies to manage these diseases. Currently there are eight programs covering over 40 countries and Dr. Buist travels to all eight each year. She continues to focus on the globalization of health care while at the same time is grounded in field work at home promoting the effects of hiking on good health.

**Ralph Tuomi**, Assistant Vice President Emeritus, first retired in 1994 and then served as a part-timer with OHSU Facilities for two years. He has been a member of the OHSU Art Committee since 1986 as well as a member of the OHSU Family Medicine Patient Care Advisory Committee since 2013. On his list of “activities” since OHSU retirement, are travel to Finland to visit family and fish with nets, remodeling projects at a house in Sunriver and major remodeling at his home in Milwaukie. In addition he has served as facilities manager for Scandinavian Heritage Foundation for 10 years and is now involved with managing the construction of the new Nordic Cultural Center on Oleson Road, to be completed this year. Also, he’s been a choir

member for 28 years, has built two wood boats (he still likes to fish), and is building a third boat (a “Peeler Skiff” a crab boat) and comments, “When you retire you must keep busy, it adds joy to your life....and Keeps you off the street”.

**Joyce Colling, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN**, Professor Emerita, School of Nursing, retired from the School in the early 90’s and since has led a life full of clinical work, travel and community service. After retiring, Dr. Colling retained clinical practice for another ten years in the Lovejoy Urology Clinic along with publishing and presenting research on Continence throughout the USA. When this chapter in her life ended she began traveling from one end of the globe to another with family, friends and colleagues while always managing to spend significant time in her Madeira timeshare. Her newest chapter is in community service where she has been a major influence in the renovating of the Dundee Community Center, writing grants to secure the needed resources and recruiting volunteers for fundraising and manpower. The City will commemorate the Community Center this year as part of Dundee’s 100-year anniversary.

After thirty years on the School of Nursing faculty, **Barbara Gaines, Ed.D., R.N.**, Professor Emerita, “officially” retired. But that was only the beginning of her career with the school and OHSU as she continues to serve these last twenty years in a variety of roles: faculty development, conducting continuing education offerings at domestic and global universities, working with the OHSU Library taking oral histories from selected nursing faculty for the archives, teaching an occasional nursing history class plus representing the School at the National level with the American Association for the History of Nursing. Outside OHSU Barbara is active with the Portland Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), as co-chair for Public Policy. In 2014 as part of an authorized tour sponsored by the Rhoads School, Dr. Gaines and her husband Michael traveled to Cuba. They and their group spent two weeks touring the entire island with an emphasis on viewing the extensive art to be found in Cuba which Dr. Gaines says, “is to be one of the National Initiatives for the island.”

In 1974, after almost 18 years as Dean of the Dental School, **Louis Terkla, D.M.D.**, retired from OHSU and became the gentleman farmer, sportsman and resident artist that he is today at age 90. The underdeveloped property he and his wife, Phyllis, purchased many years ago is on 1 1/3 acres in the West Hills. Just recently, the property was designated "Natural Habitat for the Audubon Society" with the highest rating of platinum, this being after "four months mostly on my knees", he said, to qualify for designation. For example, he weeded out plants that were not original growth such as English ivy, bamboo, blackberry and holly.

Then there is fishing and hunting. For 30 years Dr. Terkla and Phyllis fished off-shore in Newport and there are some faculty who can remember their famous salmon dinners when he was Dean. Currently, they both like to take the boat out on the Willamette for some successful runs with coho salmon. In addition, Dr. Terkla likes to hunt in Eastern Oregon where one of his former students from Halfway taught him the lore of hunting elk in the Granite Mountains.

Finally, his artistry with wood is a lovely visual explosion of talent, first practiced as a boy whittling wood in Montana. The durable range of wood that he uses include elm, blue walnut, oak, yellow heart, purple heart, willow, ebony, mahogany and driftwood. When asked which wood he likes best he replied, "*I love 'em all*". Dr. Terkla donates through the Office of Rural Health to the Apple-a-Day campaign one of his works at their annual auction fundraiser.

For more information on the Rural Health Apple-a-Day Campaign, please go to [www.ohsu.edu/xd/outreach/oregon-rural-health/about/apple-a-day.cfm](http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/outreach/oregon-rural-health/about/apple-a-day.cfm)



## OHSU Bike Program



Amazing: It's been 10 years that the Bike Program at OHSU has substantially cut auto traffic on "The Hill" – although with the current number of employees and patient visitors automobile parking is still a "challenge".

The Bike Program began as a traffic congestion fighting strategy after the adoption of the Marquam Hill Plan – a neighborhood agreement between residents, the City, and OHSU. The goal is to encourage as many people biking to OHSU as possible and now has expanded to support OHSU's goals to improve the community, health, the environment and employee wellness. Presently about 2,000 employees and students are enrolled in the program.

The South Waterfront is the major hub with about 300 bikes a day in free valet service. Another 150 park in the surrounding area and in bike cages below the Tram Plaza. CLSB (Collaborative Life Sciences Building) has indoor parking for 150 bikes and an additional 500 bikes park around the university in public parking, cages and single bike lockers. Looking back over the years, it's easy to remember that automobile parking on "The Hill" has always been a challenge.

## Appointments

**Raymond Bergan, M.D.**, formerly of Northwestern University, has been appointed head OHSU's School of Medicine's Hematology & Medical Oncology Division and as associate director, medical oncology, Knight Cancer Institute.

**Jeanne-Marie Guise, M.D., M.P.H.**, professor, obstetrics and gynecology, medical informatics and clinical epidemiology and public health and preventive medicine, has been appointed vice provost of academic career development and mentoring.

**Glenise McKenzie, Ph.D., M.N., R.N.**, associate professor, School of Nursing's Ashland campus, has been named director of the School's RN-BS program.

**Thomas Yakel, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.**, is now vice president and chief clinical integration officer for OHSU Healthcare and associate dean for clinical practice in the School of Medicine.

**Jeffrey A. Gold, M.D.**, associate professor, Medical, Pulmonary and Critical Division, has been named Director of Simulation at OHSU.

**Timothy Burdick, M.D., M.S.**, has been named the chief clinical research informatics officer at OHSU. In this newly created position, Dr. Burdick will provide executive leadership and management for efficient design, implementation and use of clinical research informatics to improve the collection and utilization of clinical information for research purposes.

**Abby Tibbs** is the new associate vice president for government relations, replacing Brian Shipley who joined Governor Kate Brown's team as chief of staff.

**Robert Schelonka, M.D.**, professor of pediatrics and head of the neonatology division in the School of Medicine has been appointed to the Credit Unions for Kids Professorship in Neonatology by School of Medicine Dean Mark Richardson, M.D.

**Sharon Anderson, M.D.**, R'82, was named chair of the department of medicine in March by School of Medicine Dean Mark Richardson, M.D. She has served as interim chair since April 2013. Dr.

Anderson has been a faculty member since 1991 and is a professor in the department and a member of the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension. Also, Dr. Anderson has been appointed to the National Institutes of Health Council of Councils. She joins fellow OHSU faculty member Nancy Haigwood, Ph.D., ONPRC Director and Senior Scientist, and adjunct professor, molecular microbiology and immunology on the Council.

**Virginia Tilden, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N.**, has been named interim senior associate dean for research for the School of Nursing. Dr. Tilden was a member of the OHSU School of Nursing faculty between 1982 and 2003 and then became dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and returned to OHSU in 2011.

**Emily Cortes, D.D.S.**, has joined the School of Dentistry as an assistant professor of community dentistry. She is based in the School's Russell Street Clinic in North Portland.

**Prashant Poplai, D.D.S.** joined the School of Dentistry faculty last July as a volunteer, and subsequently was appointed assistant professor of restorative dentistry.

**Jorge Garaicoa, D.D.S.**, is now assistant professor of restorative dentistry, School of Dentistry.

**Sivaraman "Sivi" Prakasam, B.D.S., M.S.D., Ph.D.** has joined the School of Dentistry as assistant professor of periodontology.

**Dana Braner, M.D.**, professor of pediatrics, holder of the Alice Fax Endowed Chair in Pediatric Intensive Care, and chief of the division of pediatric critical care, has been named interim chair of the Department of Pediatrics, by **Mark Richardson, M.D.**, Dean of the School of Medicine. He succeeds **Stacy Nicholson, M.D., M.P.H.**, who has accepted a position at Phoenix Children's Hospital as physician-in-chief.

**Julia Ronlov, M.B.A.**, has been named as director of strategic partnerships in the School of Medicine. She will work to form new industry and academic partnerships for the University that will allow faculty to advance their research goals.

**Timothy Burdick, M.D., M.S.,** is the new chief clinical research informatics officer. Dr. Burdick will provide executive leadership and management for efficient design, implementation and use of clinical research informatics to improve the collection and utilization of clinical information for research purposes.

**Norwood Knight-Richardson, M.D., M.A., M.B.A.,** is now senior vice president for behavioral health. A newly created position, this will support the clinical enterprise and the faculty across mission and schools in designing population health strategies and next generation care models with explicit alignment to behavioral health. Dr. Knight-Richardson has stepped down as OHSU's chief diversity officer but will retain his role as senior vice chairman of the department of psychiatry.

**Leslie D. Garcia, M.P.A.,** will serve as interim chief diversity officer while a national search is conducted for a permanent replacement.

**Gerri Lutes** has been appointed associate vice president of protocol and special events. She has been on the OHSU staff since 2006.

**Tracy Dana, M.L.S.** has been appointed assistant professor, Systematic Review and Clinical Librarian at the OHSU Library.

**Jen McCaw** has joined OHSU as export compliance manager. She comes to OHSU from Total Logistics Resources, where she provided logistics and consulting services for government-regulated and hazardous products in various capacities related to export controls.

In the fall, **Michele Favreau, Ph.D.,** was appointed associate dean for professional development and lifelong learning, School of Medicine.

**Merle Graybill** has been appointed university ombudsman and will be responsible for developing the ombuds function at OHSU and started April 1. Distinguished from a patient ombudsman, the OHSU university ombudsman will provide confidential, informal, independent and impartial problem-solving assistance to faculty, staff and students. She joined OHSU in 2014 as a leadership development

consultant with human resources and the Knight Cancer Institute.

**Michael Chapman, Ph.D.,** R.T. Jones Professor of Structural Biology has been named interim chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, School of Medicine.

## Construction News

This coming summer construction on the new Center for Radiochemistry Research will begin. The facility will be built into the narrow, empty space between the Medical Research Building and Mackenzie Hall and will overlap the Marquam Room conference space. The new facility will be a small 2-story building and will house new labs, a cyclotron for isotope generation, and advanced imaging technology for preclinical and clinical research. It will give OHSU the new capacity to develop radioactive isotopes to address specific research questions using real-time imaging.

Other campus "modifications"...Between the spring and July, Richard Jones Hall, which houses many of the academic and research program is undergoing an upgrade on the 4th floor. The space is being retrofitted with new infrastructure and space for new tenants.....And....The Old Library (and auditorium), which was originally constructed in 1938, will undergo a major facelift beginning in May. (Funding for the new library building to include the auditorium (in 1938) came from **Dr. John E. Weeks**, ophthalmologist, who gave a gift of \$100,000 if matching funds could be found. Dean Dillehunt received \$100,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation and later, a grant of \$163,350 for the new building.) The current plan (through 2017) includes improvements to the heating and cooling system, new finishes and lighting in the Grand Hall entrance, auditorium/large conference room upgrades, elevator addition, upgrades to ADA accessibility, restroom remodel to ADA accessibility, conference center redesign to accommodate more meetings, community events, office area renovation and landscape changes and exterior cleaning.

## Incidental Intelligence

When OHSU became a “public corporation” in 1995 it also acquired a “board of directors”. The Board is made up of 10 members, including the OHSU President, a member of the State Board of Higher Education and an OHSU student. The other seven members serve at the governor of Oregon’s discretion and must be confirmed by the Oregon Senate.

Currently, the Board members are:



**Jay Waldron**, Portland attorney, chairman;



**Maria Pope**, Senior Vice President of Power Supply, Operations and Resource Strategy, PGE;



**Ken Allen**, Oregon AFSCME executive director;



**Prashant Dubey**, President and CEO, The Sumati Group;



**Suzy Funkhouser**, Medical Student;



**Joe Robertson, M.D., M.B.A.**, OHSU President;



**MardiLyn Saathoff**, Chief Governance Officer and Corporate Secretary, NW Natural;



**Frank Toda, Ph.D.**, President of Columbia Gorge Community College;



**Amy Tykeson**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bend Broadband;



**David V. Yaden**, retired executive director of policy and planning, Tri-Met (and member of the State Board of Higher Education). The board meets quarterly.

## Biomedical Research Building has changed its name

In April the change in the name of the Biomedical Research Building was announced. It is now the **Hildegard Lamfrom Biomedical Research Building** as a tribute to Dr. Lamfrom, “an influential scientist and mentor during one of one of the 20th century’s most exciting periods of biological discovery”. She contributed to the success of several Nobel Laureates and guided the careers of countless scientists, including OHSU’s **Dr. Brian Druker**. Dr. Lamfrom’s sister, **Gert Boyle**, is also a woman ahead of her time, as chairman of the board of Portland’s Columbia Sportswear and a long-time supporter of OHSU.



## 2015 Employee Anniversary Ceremony

Annually we celebrate and honor OHSU’s long-term employees for their dedication and service to the organization. This year we collectively recognized **976 employees** who had celebrated their **10 through 55 year benchmark anniversaries** during the **2014 calendar year**. These millions of hours of dedication and service has literally changed the world, and we see evidence of this daily.



## Faculty Obituaries

Russell A. Dow, M.D., October 15, 2014  
 John Thomas, D.D.S., November 6, 2014  
 Albert Oyama, M.D., December 4, 2014  
 Gordon M. Smith, M.D., January 5, 2015  
 Robert H. Bigley, M.D., January 13, 2015  
 Stanley W. Jacob, M.D., January 17, 2015  
 James V. Woodworth, M.D., March 2, 2015  
 Harold Paxton, M.D., May 5, 2015  
 James Earl Lindemann, Ph.D., May 10, 2015



# Newsmakers

In February, **Connie Seeley**, OHSU senior vice president for public affairs and chief of staff, announced the appointment of Brian Shipley, former OHSU Associate Vice President of Government Relations, as Governor Kate Brown's Chief of Staff.

**Brian J. O'Roak, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, Department of Molecular & Medical Genetics, is one of a select group of researchers in the U.S. and Canada honored with a 2015 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship. The award honors early career scientists whose achievements and potential identify them as "rising stars."

**Holly Corbitt**, Molecular and Medical Genetics, and **Amy Williams**, Behavioral Neuroscience, both graduate students at OHSU are among the first nation-wide 36 recipients of the Roche/ARCS Scholars program. The Roche Foundation and ARCS (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists) will provide \$805,500 in funding for Ph.D. candidates in the life sciences during the next 3 years.

**Susan Tolle, M.D.**, professor of medicine and director of the Center for Ethics in Health Care, was awarded the 2014 MacLean Center Prize in Ethics for her work on POLST. The award was presented in November. She was then invited by the New England Journal of Medicine to write an article on the topic of how best to ensure that people with serious illness or frailty receive treatments they want and avoid those they do not. The "End-of-Life Advance Directive" appeared in the February 12 online edition of NEJM. A special note: The OHSU Center for Ethics in Health Care celebrated its 25th anniversary throughout 2014.

**Richard Park, D.M.D.**, assistant professor of pediatric dentistry, School of Dentistry, recently received an Oregon Ethics in Business Award.

**Charles Blanke, M.D., FACP, FASCO**, professor of medicine, Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology and chairman of the Southwest Oregon Oncology Group, and **Brett Sheppard, M.D.**, professor of surgery, gained major publicity in February when it was reported that they had successfully climbed to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro in February and unfurled a banner with the initials of 200,000 trial patients on the summit. Purpose of the climb was to raise funds for the Hope Foundation, cancer research.

**Susan Bakewell-Sachs, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N.**, Dean, School of Nursing, in February was elected as an at-large member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Board of Directors.

**Marian Fireman, M.D.**, associate professor of psychiatry and Erica Mitchell, M.D., assistant professor of surgery, were commended by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and American Board of Medical Specialties for their work in developing the ACGME Milestones for their respective specialties.

**David Robinson, Ph.D.**, Executive Vice Provost and professor, has been named a member of the new Committee on Federal Research Regulations and Reporting Requirements: A New Framework for Research Universities in the 21st Century. The goal is to create a new framework for federal regulation that meets the needs of the public, the federal government, and universities.

**Brian Druker, M.D.**, director of the Knight Cancer Institute and **Sancy Leachman, M.D., Ph.D.**, chair of the Department of Dermatology and director of the Melanoma Research Program at the Knight Cancer Institute, were listed on the Portland



Business Journal's "8 People to Watch in Oregon Health Care in 2015".

**Richard Goodman, M.D., Ph.D.**, director of the Vollum Institute since 1990, is stepping down as director. The search for his successor was launched in March.

**Robert Hitzemann, Ph.D.**, chairman of the Department of Behavioral Neuroscience for 15 years, has announced his retirement in 2016. There is a national search for a successor.

**Ken Burns'** adaptation of "*Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies*" as a documentary premiered March 30 nationally, featured **Brian Druker, M.D.'s** breakthrough work in helping develop Gleevec, the first targeted therapy of its kind. Dr. Druker's research, which served as proof of principal for precision medicine was highlighted in the second episode, which looks at the search for a cure for cancer between the 1970s and the 1990s.

After nearly two decades, **Molly Osborne, M.D., R'83, Ph.D.**, professor of medicine, School of Medicine, will step down from her role as associate dean for student affairs, effective June 30. Dr. Osborne will continue her clinical practice in the VA Portland Health Care System and will build upon her role as part of the Interprofessional Initiative Steering Committee in the OHSU Office of the Provost. Subsequently, the School of Medicine will eliminate the associate dean for student affairs and will create two new assistant dean positions to support the undergraduate medical education program and the needs of M.D. students.

**Sara Courtneidge, Ph.D.**, professor in the

Department of Cell, Developmental and Cancer Biology and senior investigator, Knight Cancer Institute, was recognized by the American Association for Cancer Research –Women for her seminal contributions to current understanding of Src-family kinases, with the 18th annual AACR-Women in Cancer Research Charlotte Friend Memorial Lectureship.

**Leslie Garcia, M.P.A.**, interim chief diversity officer, received the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education individual Leadership Award for 2015.

**Jim Galbraith, Ph.D.**, associate professor of biomedical engineering and **Cathy Galbraith, Ph.D.**, also associate professor of biomedical engineering and both investigators with the Knight Cancer Institute, Were excited to lean of the awarding of the 2014 Nobel Prize in Chemistry to a trio of researchers – **William Moerner, Stefan Hell** and **Eric Betzig**. The Galbraiths have collaborated for a number of years and published multiple papers with Betzig.

In November, the Medical Research Foundation of Oregon announced the recipients of its 2014 awards for scientific leadership and innovation. Honorees were: **Fay Horak, Ph.D.**, professor of neurology, School of Medicine, with the Mentor Award; **George Bailey, Ph.D.**, distinguished professor emeritus in the department of environmental and molecular toxicology, Oregon State University, posthumously, the Discovery Award; and **Joshi Alumkal, M.D.**, associate professor of medicine and molecular and medical genetics, OHSU School of Medicine, the Richard Jones New Investigator Award.

**Kent Thornburg, Ph.D.**, has been named honorary

## Faculty Senate Awards



Each year, faculty members are recognized through the Faculty Senate Awards for their exceptional efforts in support of OHSU's missions.

The categories rotate among the different schools and affiliated units on an annual basis. Nominations are reviewed by committees representing individual units. Final selection is made by the Faculty Senate. The awards are supported by the OHSU Foundation: Each nominee receives a check for \$500 and the winner in each category receives a \$3,500 award. The OHSU Faculty Senate Awards for 2015, announced in May, went to the following faculty members:

Affiliated Units/Institutes and School of Public Health  
Outstanding Research Award - Louis J. Picker, M.D.

School of Dentistry  
Outstanding Teaching Award - Mark Malloy, D.M.D., M.S.

School of Medicine  
Outstanding Collaboration Award - David A. Pollack, M.D.

School of Nursing  
Outstanding Leadership Award - Juliana C. Cartwright, Ph.D., R.N.

College of Pharmacy  
Outstanding Service Award - Ann Zweber, R.Ph., B.S. Pharm.

Congratulations to this years nominees and winners!

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professor of life sciences at George Fox University, his alma mater. Dr. Thornburg, M. Lowell Edwards Chair in the Department of Medicine, director of the Heart Research Center and professor of cardiovascular medicine, will participate in an annual undergraduate biology and biochemistry research seminar and present occasional thematic lectures.

**William Hersh, M.D., FACP, FACMI**, professor and chair of medical informatics and clinical epidemiology, School of Medicine, in January received the Physician IT Leadership award from the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society. The award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated significant leadership in applying IT to the needs of physicians.

In December the National Rural Health Association announced its final selections for the 2015 Rural Health Fellows program. **Carla McKelvy, M.D.**, a pediatrician at the North Bend Medical Center, Coos Bay, and a member of the OHSU School of Medical Rural Advisory Group, is

one of 16 fellows that will participate in a year-long, intensive program aimed at developing leaders who can articulate a clear and compelling vision for rural America.

In October **Thomson Reuters** released its annual report on "The World's Most Influential Scientific Minds 2014". The report included five OHSU faculty, noting authors publishing high-impact papers on ground breaking research. OHSU faculty on the list are: **Eric Gouaux, Ph.D.**, senior scientist, Vollum Institute; **Christopher Corless, M.D., Ph.D.**, chief medical officer, Knight Diagnostic Laboratories; **Brian Druker, M.D.**, director, Knight Cancer Institute; **Michael Heinrich, M.D.**, Knight Cancer Institute, Professor of Medicine and Cell and Developmental Biology, Hematology and Medical Oncology; **Joan Ash, Ph.D., M.S., M.B.A.**, professor and vice chair, Department of Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology, School of Medicine.



## Directline

### Collaborations.....

In early April, OHSU President Joe Robertson, M.D., M.B.A., in his "Dateline" communication

to faculty and staff, announced a new, broad-based affiliation of OHSU with Salem Health. *"OHSU continues to build momentum on strategic partnerships. We are exploring a comprehensive clinical affiliation with Salem Health, and this week we are one step closer with the announcement of plans to sign a letter of intent. If agreement on affiliation is ultimately reached, I believe it would better position us to deliver world-class value-based care and the process to create a broader platform that benefits all of our missions."*

In an another unprecedented collaboration, Dr. Robertson announced in February, that Adventist Health, Kaiser Permanente, Legacy Health and OHSU have agreed to open the area's first comprehensive behavioral health care center in late 2016. To be called the Unity Center for Behavioral Health, the facility will include psychiatric emergency services for people with acute psychiatric crises as well as an inpatient facility with services for both adults and adolescents. The plan is that the inpatient facility will include 79 adult and 22 adolescent beds. The new center will offer space to organizations providing community behavioral health services allowing patients to plan for support after discharge. According to the announcement, Adventist Health, Legacy Health and OHSU will move their behavioral health inpatient services to the Unity Center for Behavioral Health. The center will be located on Legacy's Holladay Park campus following renovations.

A third collaboration, Dr. Robertson also announced in February, is with Moda Health, the Oregon-based health insurer. "...in an increasingly tight and highly competitive health insurance market, it is essential to work more closely with commercial payers to ensure that OHSU is an option on

health plans and that patients have access to OHSU providers. Additional information on the above collaborations is available through the President's office.

Another collaboration was announced in October: A collaboration between Bangkok Dusit Medical Services and OHSU with a purpose to improve health in both countries through shared knowledge and skills and the creation of centers of excellence focused on key challenges. The effort will engage faculty, health professionals and students from OHSU schools of medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry and public health. Dr. Robertson and Jenny Mladenovic, M.D., M.B.A., OHSU executive vice president and provost visited Thailand and formalized the partnerships. On March 30, OHSU welcomed a delegation from Mahidol University's Siriraj Medical School of Medicine and School of Nursing to discuss future areas of collaboration in research, exchanges for students, residents and faculty and the potential for dual degree programs.

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A paper co-authored by **Joe Gray, Ph.D.**, chair, Department of Biomedical Engineering and associate director, translational research for the Knight Cancer Institute, won the Best Paper Award at the 13th annual European Conference on Computational Biology, last September.



Eighteen nurses from across Oregon and S.W. Washington were recognized in October at the annual March of Dimes Nurse of

the Year awards program. Among them were four nurses from OHSU: **Megan Tinling**, critical care, adult/pediatric/neonatal; **Amy Corcoran**, nurse educator; **Mai-Tuyet Tran**, Surgical Services, and **Deborah Eldredge, Ph.D., R.N.**, director of the Quality, Research and Magnet Recognition Program.

In December **Eric Gouaux, Ph.D.**, senior scientist, Vollum Institute and Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, was awarded an honorary doctorate

by the University of Copenhagen for his extensive research of the structure and function of chemical synapses.

Also in December, **Kerri Winters-Stone, Ph.D.**, research professor in the School of Nursing, was featured on OregonLive for her work studying the use of physical activity to prevent and manage chronic disease.

**Frances Lee-Lin, R.N., Ph.D., O.C.N., C.N.S.**, associate professor, School of Nursing, recently was elected to the nominating committee of the Oncology Nursing Society.

**Richard Deyo, M.D., M.P.H.**, professor, Department of Family Medicine, has been awarded the 2015 Wiltse Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine. The award is presented to one outstanding scientist, clinician or researcher who has demonstrated exceptional achievement and has made a major contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field of spinal disorders.

**Archie Bleyer, M.D.**, clinical research professor, Knight Cancer Institute, was recently honored with a Special Award by the American Society of Clinical Oncology. These awards recognize the dedication and significant contributions of researchers, patient advocates, and leaders of the global oncology community to enhancing cancer prevention, treatment and patient care.

In December, Time Magazine awarded its prestigious "Person of the Year" Award to "Ebola Fighters", and highlighted the contributions of OHSU alumna **Deborah Eisenhut, M.D.**, '81.

**Christopher Lee, Ph.D., R.N.**, associate professor of nursing, School of Nursing, has been appointed to the National Advisory Council for the Institute of Nursing Leadership Institute of Nursing.

**Joshua Squires, Ph.D., ACNP-BC, AGACNP, FCCM**, assistant professor, School of Nursing, assistant professor of anesthesiology, has been appointed to a second term on the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP panel.

Two OHSU School of Medicine faculty members received commendation in January from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and American Board of Medical Specialties for their work in developing Milestones for their respective specialties. Milestones – part of the Next Accreditation System -- are competency-based measurable outcomes for trainees and graduate medical education program leaders to use throughout a trainee's experience. **Marian Fireman, M.D.**, associate professor of psychiatry, School of Medicine, was commended for her work in the addiction psychiatry Milestones. Dr. Fireman is program co-director for the addiction psychiatry fellowship at OHSU. **Erica Mitchell, M.D.**, assistant professor of surgery, School of Medicine, was commended for her work in developing vascular surgery Milestones. Dr. Mitchell is program director, vascular surgery fellowship at OHSU.

**Kristina Young, M.D., Ph.D.**, resident, instructor, Radiation Medicine, has become the fourth recipient of an ASCO (American Society of Clinical Oncology) Young Investigator Award in the past decade. The award will be presented May 31 at the ASCO annual meeting.



ThinkFirst Oregon was selected to receive the 2015 Outstanding Community Involvement Award by the ThinkFirst

National Injury Prevention Foundation. OHSU's **Edward Neuwelt, M.D.**, professor, Neurology and Neurosurgery, ThinkFirst Oregon's medical director for 29 years, will receive the national organization's Distinguished Service Award in May. The award has only been presented three times in the past 30 years and honors Dr. Neuwelt for his service, dedication, leadership, and contributions to injury prevention education, research and advocacy.

**Dr. Albert Starr**, Distinguished Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Chairman of the Knight Cardiovascular Institute, OHSU, will be awarded the 2015 Grand Prix Scientifique by the Institut de France at a ceremony in June in Paris. He won the award, a

prestigious international prize in cardiovascular science, for co-inventing and implanting the world's first successful artificial heart valve.

**Cindy Grueber**, senior vice president and chief operating officer, OHSU Healthcare, has been named one of the 2015 Women of Influence by the Portland Business Journal.

## NEWS

### Portland Business Journal

The front page of the April 17 Portland Business Journal announced an extensive report on "How a powerhouse collaboration between OHSU and Intel could crack the code of cancer and raise both their profiles in the evolving world of medical and genomics research." Every year the Portland Business Journal asks more than 500 CEOs to name their most admired companies in several different categories, including health care. In the December announcement, the 2014 results showed OHSU rated first among its health care peers. Doernbecher Children's Hospital was rated fourth most admired. OHSU also was listed fourth as Most Admired Companies, All Industries. *"We are grateful for the support of Oregonians and humbled by the recognition of business leaders around the state."* **Joe Robertson, M.D., M.B.A.**, OHSU President commented.



first hospital in the Pacific Northwest to receive advanced certification in heart failure. *"OHSU is pleased to receive advanced certification from the Joint Commission and American Heart Association,"* **James Mudd, M.D.**, director of the heart failure and heart transplant program there, and assistant professor of medicine (cardiovascular medicine) in the School of Medicine.

### Fundraising for Doernbecher



In February, the coastal community of Tillamook celebrated a very special milestone: Tillamook High School hit the

\$1 million fundraising milestone for Doernbecher Hospital. The school/community has been fundraising through Kids Making Miracles since 1993.

### The Community Partnership Program

Also in February, the Knight Cancer Institute awarded \$462,656 to 17 projects statewide as part of the first round of funding offered through its Community Partnership Program. The program's goal is to address community-identified needs to ultimately decrease the impact of cancer on Oregonians. The Community Partnership Program provides grants and other resources to community-identified projects addressing cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and survivorship.



American Heart Association  
**CERTIFICATION**  
Meets standards for  
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### American Heart Association Certification

The Knight Cardiovascular Institute is the first in the Pacific Northwest to receive heart failure certification. In February, the Knight's Cardiovascular Institute was notified that its heart failure program earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval and the American Heart Association's Heart-Check mark for Advanced Certification in Heart Failure. OHSU is the



### Grimm Gala

The cast and crew of "Grimm" were all-out to raise money for Doernbecher Children's Hospital with a "Grimm Gala" on February 7. The cast asked fans to donate money or to participate in an online memorabilia auction. Cast members have been supporters of Doernbecher since they first visited the

hospital while filming the show's premiere season.

## U.S. News & World Report Best Graduate Schools



U.S. News & World Report again ranks OHSU among best U.S. graduate schools: the 2016 edition of Best Graduate Schools ranks the School of Medicine #5 in the nation for excellence

in primary care education, #5 for excellence in family medicine education, and #10 in rural medicine. It also ranked School of Nursing #8 for nursing-midwifery education and the OHSU Physician Assistant program #5 nationwide.

## Collaborations

PeaceHealth and the OHSU Knight Cardiovascular Institute have joined forces to enhance cardiovascular surgery services throughout southwest Washington. The collaboration will use the expertise of the Knight Cardiovascular Institute surgeons and researchers to build on the range of complex heart and vascular procedures already offered in the PeaceHealth Columbia Network.

## Pay for Success



The Center for Evidence-based Policy at OHSU has been selected as part of a national competition to assess the feasibility of implementing an innovative funding model called Pay for Success to improve child welfare in Oregon. Pay for Success enables government to draw in greater resources to tackle social problems by tapping private investments for the upfront costs of the programs.

The Center was selected for its demonstrated commitment to funding high-quality, effective social interventions that produce measurable outcomes. The Center for Evidence-based Policy was established in 2003 by then Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber, M.D. It works with a wide range of stakeholders to improve public policy through innovation, collaboration and use of best evidence.

## PSU's Viking Pavilion Contributions



Encouraged by the success of the new CLSB (Collaborative Life Sciences Building), OHSU will contribute \$7.5 million to the development of PSU's Viking Pavilion, a planned \$44 million facility that OHSU will be able to use for academic and professional events. The Viking Pavilion will be built on Portland's South Park Blocks and is scheduled to open in December, 2017. The new facility will provide space for OHSU events that the Marquam Hill campus cannot accommodate, such as Commencement activities, educational lectures, top-tier national speakers, scientific conferences and keynote lectures, donor receptions, community health fairs and physical therapy and other sports medicine services. Features of the facility will include an academic center for student advising and tutoring, health and physical education classrooms, a large event venue for banquets, academic symposia, and performances and basketball and volleyball games. "The real value for us is in the opportunities it creates to further collaborate with PSU on educational initiatives both at the student and community level," OHSU President Joe Robertson, M.D., M.B.A. said.

## Clinical Informatics Fellowship Program

In December the School of Medicine announced its Clinical Informatics Fellowship Program for its inaugural class of fellows beginning in July, 2015.

The fellowship will prepare physicians who seek to become board-certified in the new subspecialty of clinical informatics. With this experience, program fellows will be one step closer to obtaining employment in the field of clinical informatics, filling essential positions like Chief Medical Officer in healthcare and vendor organizations. Fellows will work through various rotations in different healthcare settings, not only at OHSU Hospital and the VA Portland Health Care System.

### Portland Monthly Magazine

The 2015 Portland Monthly magazine list of “Top Doctors and Nurses” in the Portland, was published in December. In the magazine providers with an OHSU affiliation were among the most listed compared to other hospitals and health systems. This year, 120 OHSU physicians and nurse practitioners are on the annual list.



With new technologies in Skourtes Tower advancing the histology, pathology, and microbiology curriculum, the OHSU School of Dentistry donated last fall about 40 microscopes to middle and high schools in Oregon.



“This was such a great opportunity to share with schools in low-income communities, many of whom are our partners in the “On Track OHSU Program,” **Susan**

**Shugarman, M.F.A., Ed.D.**, assistant vice provost for education outreach and collaboration, said. Fourteen Oregon schools received the microscopes.

### Kathryn Robertson Memorial Lecture

**Nicholas Kristof**, New York Times columnist and author and a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, was the speaker on April 20 as the 5th Annual Kathryn Robertson Memorial Lecture in Global Health at OHSU. His topic, “Pathways to Becoming a Global Citizen”.



### AAMC Clinical Care Innovation Challenge

Ten institutions, including OHSU, have won funding

from the AAMC Clinical Care Innovation Challenge and Pilot Site Awards. These awards recognize innovative programs that integrate clinical care, education, education and research to improve value and quality. Funds both recognize successful programs and support pilot projects. The OHSU project is titled “*Novel Interventions in Children’s Healthcare: Bending the curve in youth with complex and chronic medical conditions*”.

### Distinguished Recognition

OHSU’s Heart Failure program has earned the distinguished recognition of achieving The Joint Commission Advanced Certification representing consistent achievement of the highest levels of safety and quality outcomes for heart failure patients. OHSU is the first in the Pacific Northwest to achieve this distinction.

### Research Awards

The Oregon Clinical & Translational Research Institute (OCTRI) has announced the funding of three research awards in its Biomedical Innovation Program. The program cultivates and selects promising translational projects that develop new biomedical devices, diagnostics and software. The program is a collaboration between OCTRI and OHSU Technology Transfer and Business Development. The 2015 awards went to **Erin W. Gilbert, M.D., M.C.R.**, assistant professor, Department of Surgery, Division of Gastrointestinal and General Surgery; **Gregory Landry, M.D.**, professor of surgery, Division of Vascular Surgery, Department of Surgery, Knight Cardiovascular Institute; and **John Muschler, Ph.D.**, research associate professor, Biomedical Engineering.

### Student Volunteers

Patients at Volunteers in Medicine in Bend, low income, uninsured, often with English as a second language, get the help they need through a program that allows medical students to experience rotations at the area’s only free clinic. The students have a unique experience a diverse patient population provides and patients feel at ease with students. The Bend Bulletin covered this program, now six years strong.

## Give Kids a Smile



The School of Dentistry provided care to 168 underserved children in February, but it wasn't easy. Not all the children in the Give Kids A Smile event were eager to get in the

dentist's chair. With some creative activities, and comfort from a therapy pup-in-training, the patients had their exams and some fun, too. The American Dental Association News covered this story.

## ARCS Foundation Scholars

In November, nine new students from the OHSU Graduate Studies program were named as ARCS (Achievement Rewards for College



Scientists) Foundation Scholars. The ARCS Foundation is a national women's group that aids advancement in science and technology by addressing the country's need for new scientists and engineers. The Portland Chapter supports students at OHSU and OSU (and has recently added University of Oregon students as well). In just 10 years, the Portland chapter has given 129 awards totaling more than \$2.2 million to students at OHSU and OSU.

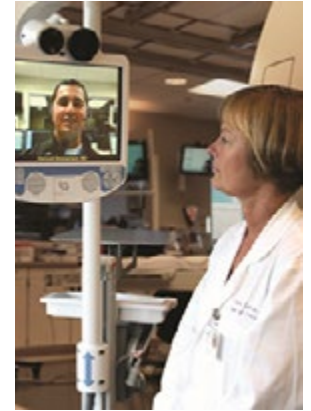
## Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Campaign

To counter the growth in childhood obesity across the country, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation recently announced \$500 million additional dollars to its longstanding campaign to achieve a healthy weight for all children. In rural Union County, health care professionals, educators, parents and grandparents, youth and other community members have teamed up with the School of Nursing to tackle the problem of obesity in children and adolescents. The partnership is part of a study named Students Now Advocating to Create Healthy Snacking Zones, a program that prepares young people to become advocates promoting healthy

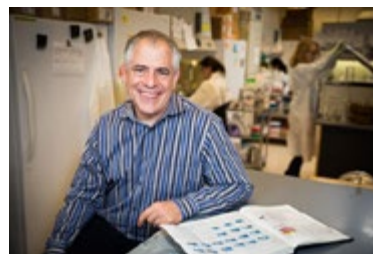
snacking among their peers and in their schools and communities. Funding support for the project is provided by an Agricultural & Food Research Initiative Grant from the USDA National Institute of Food & Agriculture. **Nancy Findholt, Ph.D., R.N.**, associate professor, LaGrande Campus of the School of Nursing, coordinates the Union county program.

## Telemedicine

OHSU providers use telemedicine to interact with providers in remote locations such as Coos County, which reports Oregon's third highest death rates for cancer. The remote communities have two challenges: the area hospitals can't afford to hire specialists in subtypes of cancer and the area residents may find it impossible to seek care out of the area. A telemedicine project, which will be launched later this year in alignment with Bay Area Hospital's expansion of cancer care, seeks to address this barrier by giving local oncologists access to OHSU's expertise. The Knight Cancer Institute Community Partnership grant program will provide funding to support equipment and supplies for a telemedicine room in Bay Area Hospital's cancer center.



## Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Award



In a September announcement, the Louis Piker Lab at OHSU was awarded \$25 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. It will be used to spur

work on a vaccine candidate against HIV. The work is based on previous findings that this candidate, which used cytomegalovirus as a vector, can boost effector memory T cells to successfully target simian immunodeficiency virus. This award will test the safety of a prototype human version of the vaccine in a phase 1 clinical trial in humans as well as optimize the vaccine for phase 11 trials. In December, Cascade AIDS Project honored Dr. Picker with its Research Hero award at their Heroes of HIV luncheon.

## OHSU Named Oregon Healthiest Employer



In November, the Portland Business Journal named OHSU one of Oregon's healthiest large employers. The award recognizes innovation and leadership in wellness programs such

as OHSU's Health TEAM Healthy U, HealthySteps, the Bike Incentive Program and an overall commitment to health.

## OHSU PSU School of Public Health

OHSU and Portland State University are working together to collaboratively establish the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health, with interim dean, **Elena Andresen, Ph.D., F.A.C.E.**, professor of epidemiology, Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine. It is anticipated that the school's mission will be served by six MPH programs and three Ph.D. programs with a core curriculum that will prepare students to address health disparities through community intervention.

## Hope

Doernbecher Hospital's newest full-time employee, who rarely barks but likes snuggles, is Hope, a 2-year-old English Cream Golden Retriever whose job is to provide comfort and companionship to children battling serious illnesses and their families. She is now Chief Canine Officer. Hope lives with her handler, Sandra Westfall, manager of Doernbecher's Child Life Program.

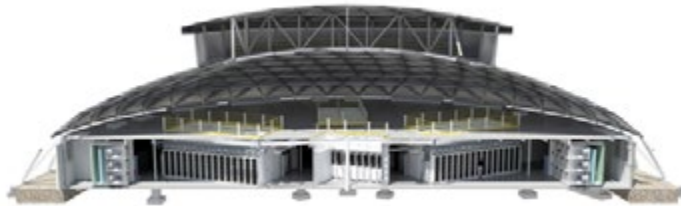


## Vision in American Samoa

Members of the American Samoa community, philanthropic donors and OHSU eye experts gathered April 14 at the Casey Eye Institute for a celebration: Vision in American Samoa – Casey Eye Institute's Collaboration Across the Pacific. The celebration featured **Dr. Benjamin Saitu'u**, who trained at the Casey, and will return to American Samoa to lead eye care as one of only two ophthalmologists and the

only eye surgeon, serving American Samoa's 55,000 residents.

## New Data Center at West Campus



It isn't a UFO, although it almost looks like one. It is a geodesic dome on OHSU's West Campus in Hillsboro, a state-of-the-art data center that provides for OHSU's computing needs for a decade and more to come. It also will help lead OHSU scientists, clinicians and researchers into a pioneering era of "big data" – where cutting edge technology will help gather and analyze enormous amounts of biomedical data to better understand and cure disease. The new data center – affectionately called Data Dome – opened recently and will be connected to and operate in parallel with OHSU's existing data center.

## Reshaping Medical Curriculum

Leaders and students from 11 top medical schools met at OHSU April 13 and 14 to expand efforts to reshape medical education nationwide as the first class of medical students get ready to complete their first year of coursework in the newly implemented YOUR M.D. Curriculum. As part of the American Medical Association's current efforts to ensure medical students are prepared to practice in the evolving environment, the organization has convened leaders and students from each of the schools at OHSU to continue closing the gaps between the way physicians are currently trained and how health care is delivered. *"The AMA recognizes that reshaping medical education takes a village, requiring many stakeholders to come together to get it right"*, AMA President, **Robert M. Wah, M.D.**, OHSU '83, said.

*"That's why we continue to expand our efforts to reach and collaborate with more medical schools and medical education innovators to ensure we are taking the right steps to prepare tomorrow's physicians to care for patients in our increasingly diverse, patient-centered, value-driven health care system."*

## Research Reports:



A study led by **Ryan Olson, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine and scientist, Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences, found that employees slept more when they had more control of their work and were less stressed about balancing the competing demands of home and work. Huffington Post and MSN.com carried the piece.

According to a team of researchers, including **Kevin Grove, Ph.D.** senior scientist and Chief, Division of Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism, Primate Center, some medication used to treat patients with type II diabetes activates sensors on the brain cells that increase hunger causing people taking this drug to gain more body fat. The study was published in the Journal of Neuroscience.



An ongoing study by the laboratory of **Louis Picker, M.D.**, associate director of the Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute, has identified a key biological barrier to the goal of curing HIV infection in people on anti-retroviral therapy: finding out where the disease lurks. This information was published in a recent Nature Medicine.



An editorial in early March in The New York Times cites an OHSU scientific review by **Roger Chou, M.D.**, professor, Departments of Medicine and Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology and director of the Pacific Northwest Evidence-based Practice Center, and

**Richard Deyo, M.D., M.P.H.**, professor and Kaiser-Permanente Endowed Professor of Evidence-Based Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, and colleagues that found little or no evidence that opioid treatment is effective in treating chronic pain. The editorial suggests that additional rigorous research into both benefits and dangers is obviously needed, and that doctors and patients, in the meantime, must approach long-term opioid therapy with great care. Subsequently, an Annals of Internal



Medicine study led by Dr. Chou, found that routine cardiac testing for low-risk adults does not improve patient outcomes and can lead to potential harms. His findings have been widely covered in the national media.



In a recent editorial in the New England Journal of Medicine and an op-ed piece in the The New York Times, **Aaron Caughey, M.D., Ph.D.**, Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and associate dean for women's health research and policy in the School of Medicine, discussed risks and benefits of home births and bariatric surgery before pregnancy.

Scientists realized relatively recently that traumatic brain injuries can cause Alzheimer's disease later in life, but they didn't know why. Now they do, a study published in the Journal of Neuroscience reveals. Researchers at OHSU and the University of Rochester Medical discovered that a traumatic brain injury fouls up the brain's waste removal system, causing toxic proteins to build up among the cells. A similar phenomenon exists with Alzheimer's. **Jeffrey Iliff, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine co-authored the study.



Over the past 20 years, **Jeffrey Jensen, M.D., MPH**, Senior Scientist, Division of Reproduction and Developmental Sciences, ONPRC, and **Leon Speroff** Professor and Vice Chair Research, Department of

Obstetrics and Gynecology, School of Medicine and Director of the Women's Health Research Unit of the Center for Women's Health, and his team have been working on innovative family planning research, from existing contraceptive methods to the development of novel non-hormonal approaches. Building on research in rodents, Jensen's group has documented that the phosphodiesterase (PDE) 3 inhibitor, ORG 9935, can prevent maturation of the

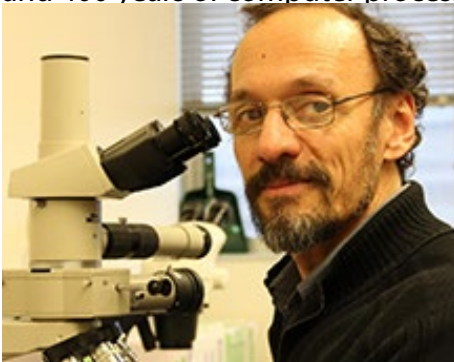


oocyte both in the culture dish and during stimulated ovarian cycles, and can act as a contraceptive in breeding groups of macaques. Future experiments in monkeys are needed to determine if the approach is feasible in women. In October, Jensen's team was awarded a \$5 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to develop a center to advance this research.



A therapy currently under development for spinal cord injuries has been shown to stimulate nerve regeneration in the heart and provide resistance to arrhythmias following a heart attack, according to a new study published in the February journal Nature Communications. Senior author was **Beth Habecker, Ph.D.**, professor of physiology and pharmacology, School of Medicine.

In the December Science School of Medicine professor of behavioral neuroscience, **Claudio Mello, Ph.D.**, along with 200 colleagues published the genome of more than 48 species of common birds, in an effort that represented 23 papers in 15 journals and 400 years of computer processing time. Dr. Mello



is a co-author on three of the 12 papers that were published as well as senior author on two others.

There is a new, more accurate test for Down Syndrome, according to an article in a recent New England Journal of Medicine, by co-author, OHSU's **Leonardo Pereira, M.D., M.C.R.**, Maternal-Fetal Division Chief. A report on Oregon Public Broadcasting quotes Dr. Pereria, "Next step is another invasive procedure for a more accurate test of amniotic fluid."



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